

STATE NEWS

FROM CURRITUCK TO CHEROKEE.

Items of Interest Gleaned from Our Correspondents and Exchanges.

Raleigh News and Observer: North Carolina people will contribute more to the care of orphans than to any other cause. More than five thousand dollars have been sent to the Baptist Orphanage in response to the appeal since the typhoid fever scourge. "Yesterday I had a check of twenty dollars from a Jewess," said Mr. Archibald Johnson.

Says the Winston-Salem Sentinel: Though a dry month the leaf sales on the Winston-Salem market in October showed a good increase over the same month last year. With a "season" the new crop will come in rapidly. The average of eight cents a pound made last month is regarded as excellent in view of the fact that the offerings were common.

In the presence of six bishops, more than a score of priests and a vast congregation, that taxed beautiful St. James Church to its full seating capacity, Rev. Robt. Strange, D. D., was Tuesday consecrated bishop coadjutor of East Carolina. It was one of the most interesting and impressive church services ever conducted in Wilmington, and the immense audience, which was present, represented all denominations.

The following from the Wilmington Messenger is very interesting: "No doubt that the statement is a surprise to most North Carolinians that the cotton mills of our State consume ninety-seven per cent of her raw production. It is said the crop of the State this year will be between half a million and six hundred thousand bales. With the rapid growth of the milling industry in the State, we will soon have to draw on the production of other States or greatly increase our own."

Raleigh News and Observer: The date set for the North Carolina Day in the public schools of the State has been fixed for Friday, the 23rd of December, and in future the last Friday before Christmas will be the regular date for these distinctive exercises. The subject this year will be "The Pamlico Section." Superintendent Joyner has been busy arranging the program, which is now in the hands of the printer, and will be ready for distribution in pamphlet form, it is hoped, not later than November 10th.

Oxford Ledger: The Inter-State Tobacco Growers' Protective Association of Virginia and North Carolina published Monday, through The Southern Tobacconist and Modern Farmer, the scale of prices for farmers' tobacco, which was adopted at a meeting of the Association Sales Executive Committee held a few days ago. There are now nearly 3,000 members of the Inter-State Association, and these farmers are pledged, it is said, to hold their crops for the prices agreed upon by the Sales Executive Committee. These prices are comparatively high.

Cold Olds: Farmers say that more cotton has been picked in the last fifty days than at any time before since that crop began to be a great feature in North Carolina. The amount of work done has certainly been remarkable and there have been more white pickers than ever before, particularly women and children.

Thos. J. Jarvis has been Governor of his State and a Senator of the United States. But when the circle of his influence diminishes, he wisely adapts himself to his limitations, and does with his might what his hands find to do—in the present instance it is serving as chairman of the board of trustees of the graded school in his town. This is a North Carolina way. Nathaniel Macon, Badger and Mangum, if we remember aright, were active in forwarding neighborhood and local interests after their retirement from public life at Washington.—Charlotte Chronicle.

At the meeting of the State Literary and Historical Association in Raleigh a few days ago, these officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Hon. R. W. Winston, of Durham; First Vice-President, Hon. A. C. Avery, of Morganton; Second Vice-President, Gen. W. R. Cox, of Edgecombe; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, of Winston; Secretary-Treasurer, Clarence H. Poe, of Raleigh. Resolutions were adopted urging the building of a fire proof building by the State to preserve its valuable books, papers and relics, pledging continued aid to rural free libraries and endorsing the starting of local historical associations.

Col. Olds: In an interview with Dr. Tait Butler, the State Veterinarian, regarding the extension of the territory in North Carolina free from the cattle ticks, says: "It really looks as if he will get a big increase in the free territory. Of course he cannot tell definitely until the reports from the inspectors come in. A Federal inspector is now in the State at work, and so far has inspected the counties of Wilkes, Surry, Catawba, Lincoln, Gaston and southern Burke. It seems that we are to get most of these exempted. This is a matter of very great importance to cattle growers. If the latter will take hold of matters and really have faith in what we are trying to teach them about the tick and its deadly work and about its effect as regards prices of cattle and possibility of shipping the latter out of the State, a vast enlargement of the free territory could be quickly made. Here is Wake County, for example; there are ticks on not over a tenth of the farms. Every year cattle die from tick fever here, and yet no attention of any importance is paid to it."

The Durham Hosiery Mill is trying the experiment of working colored help. A mill has been fitted up with several machines, the old furniture factory being occupied, and negroes are doing the work. The experimental mill began work September 1st. If successful, this will be the

only hosiery mill in the United States in which colored help will do all the work. It is contemplated by the management that if the experiment proved successful three hundred and fifty machines will be installed in the colored cotton mill and manufacture about two thousand dozen hose per day. For the present, however, only a limited number of machines will be used. This step was taken by the hosiery mill because, it is claimed, that it is almost impossible to get white help, at least all that is needed. The large mill of this company is pushed to its utmost to fill orders, and finally the colored help idea was sprung. Mr. Julian S. Carr, Jr., is president of the Durham Hosiery Mill, and he hopes in time to make the colored mill as large as the old one.

NINE DEAD IN FLOOD.

Reservoir Wall at Winston-Salem Collapsed and Left Path of Death and Destruction.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Nov. 2.—A reservoir of the municipal waterworks, located near the centre of this city, broke at 5 o'clock this morning, causing the loss of nine lives and the injury of four or five other persons:

The dead are: Mrs. Matrin Peeples, Mrs. Volger, Mrs. John Poe and twelve-year-old daughter, Mrs. Southern, John Southern, Miss Octavia Bailey, aged twenty; Lucille Malone, Carolina Martin. The last two named are colored.

The injured: Martin V. Peeples, both legs broken; Walter Peeples, injury to back; Giley Jordan, slightly bruised.

These are at the hospital. D. L. Payne, a traveling man, of Greensboro, may recover, though his condition prevents his removal to the hospital now.

The north side of the reservoir, which is thirty feet high, tumbled over, falling upon the home and barn of Martin V. Peeples. There were about 800,000 gallons of water in the reservoir, and the stream rushed northeast to the Southern Railway cut, and thence to Belo's Pond, a distance of a half mile. Four tenement houses were washed several hundred yards by the flood.

The thousands of gallons of water that flowed from the reservoir formed a pond in the vicinity, and it was thought that several people might have been drowned in this. The City Council met and decided to drain the pond in order to recover any bodies that might lie beneath the water.

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